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Dear Josh:

Talking with you yesterday was most exhilarating. I came away thinking how much I would be interested in working with you at Rockefeller. For this reason, I am enclosing a short resumé so you will know how to reach me in case some project occurs to you where I could be of some use. I would also appreciate it very much if you would put me in touch with Mr. Warren at the Rockefeller Foundation, as you suggested.

However, I must say that I do not accept your statement that you plan to postpone your writing until your retirement. As we agreed, there is a great need and a great lack of articulate and provocative scientists who raise their voices. After all, you felt it was important in the days of the Washington Post. It is my wish that I could be of use to you in this area.

You will notice the names of A.M. Rosenthal of the New York Times and Theodore Kheel, the labor negotiator, who is about to give us back our daily comic book. They are personal friends of mine from the days when my late husband, Stanley Levey, was on the Times. Perhaps I can get us all together one day. Getting you to write for the public is a new passion of mine!

My son on the Washington Post, by the way, is named Robert Levey. He writes a column for the Weekly, so is not in the News room. However, if you do visit Howard Simons, I am sure Bob would love it if you looked him up and said hello.

I will look into the 'box' Bob spoke about and see if anything comes out about Columbia in the 40s. In thinking over what we talked about, I think now that Hotchkiss gave that seminar in 1944, AFTER Avery's paper.

Thanks again for our talk together, and I hope your muscles mend soon.

My best,


Dr. Sylvia Frank

